

And the lucky organizations are. . .

The DFG selected 11 organizations to sell 16 big game fund-raising tags beginning in January of 2004.

More than 19 organizations applied for the opportunity to sell tags at 2004 fund-raising events. Each organization submitted a proposal describing prior fund-raising experience and a plan for promoting and selling the tag to obtain the highest possible price. Tags were awarded to the best

proposals, after review and ranking.

"When big game tags are auctioned to the highest bidder, it's a win-win," said John Carlson, chief of the DFG's Wildlife Programs Branch. "The wildlife benefits, because proceeds from the tag sales support wildlife surveys and investigations and, of course, the hunter receives a high-quality outdoor experience."

An *Open Zone* deer tag is valid

for all zones as well as additional deer hunts and area-specific archery hunts within specified season dates and methods of take. A *Golden Opportunity* deer tag is valid statewide from mid-July, 2004 through January of 2005 (specific dates depend on passage of the 2004/2005 mammal hunting regulations). For more information, call the DFG at (916) 445-3406.

2004 Schedule of Fund-Raising Tag Auctions

Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (National)
1 bighorn sheep, 1 golden opportunity deer

Contact: Raymond Lee (307) 527-6261
January 14-17, 2004 in Reno, NV

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Northern California Chapter
1 open zone deer

Contact: Mike Ford (530) 842-2021
January 24, 2004 in Anderson, CA

Safari Club International - San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
1 open zone deer

Contact: Tomas Bermejo (415) 984-6909
January 31, 2004 in Foster City, CA

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (National)
1 Grizzly Island elk

Contact: Kristy Bosworth (406) 523-4500
February 21, 2004 in Reno, NV

Foundation for North American Wild Sheep - California Chapter
1 open zone deer

Contact: Douglas Holl (909) 357-4358
February 28, 2004 in Sacramento, CA

California Deer Association - Chico Chapter
1 golden opportunity deer, 1 pronghorn antelope

Contact: Andrew Wood (530) 345-7296
March 19, 2004 in Chico, CA

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Central San Joaquin Chapter
1 open zone deer

Contact: Mike Ford (530) 842-2021
March 20, 2004 in Fresno, CA

California Deer Association - San Jose Chapter
1 golden opportunity deer

Contact: Gerrad Payne (408) 985-1179
March 27, 2004 in San Jose, CA

The Mule Deer Foundation - Central Coast Chapter
1 Grizzly Island elk, 1 golden opportunity deer

Contact: Stan Atwood (408) 370-5070
April 3, 2004 in San Jose, CA

Safari Club International - Granite Bay Chapter
1 open zone deer, 1 pronghorn antelope

Contact: Ronald Arendt (916) 929-6000
April 3, 2004 in Folsom, CA

California Deer Association - Salinas Valley Chapter
1 Owens Valley elk, 1 golden opportunity deer

Contact: Phil Bassetti (831) 674-5795
April 17, 2004 in Salinas, CA

2003 Fund-Raising License Tag Auction/Sale Events

Organization / Contract Manager	Type of Tag(s)	Bid Amount
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep - National	1 Owens Valley Elk	\$11,500
.....	1 Golden Opportunity Deer	\$ 9,000
Safari Club International, San Francisco/Golden Gate Chapters	1 Golden Opportunity Deer	\$19,000
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Sacramento Chapter	1 Open Zone Deer	\$ 5,000
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Redwood Chapter	1 Open Zone Deer	\$ 7,200
Mule Deer Foundation - National	1 Open Zone Deer	\$ 8,000
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - National	1 Grizzly Island Elk	\$35,000
Safari Club International - Granite Bay Chapter	1 Open Zone Deer	\$ 7,100
Mule Deer Foundation - Central Coast Chapter	1 Bighorn Sheep	\$52,000
.....	1 Grizzly Island Elk	\$43,000
.....	1 Pronghorn Antelope	\$ 4,500
.....	1 Golden Opportunity Deer	\$24,000
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Central San Joaquin Chapter	1 Open Zone Deer	\$12,500
California Deer Association - San Jose Chapter	1 Golden Opportunity Deer	\$13,500
California Deer Association - Salinas Valley Chapter	1 Pronghorn Antelope	\$ 3,500
.....	1 Golden Opportunity Deer	\$14,000

2003 TOTAL: \$268,800 (deer = \$119,300; elk = \$89,500; pronghorn = \$8,000; bighorn sheep = \$52,000)